

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/508,956
Amendment filed October 31, 2008
Reply to OA dated June 4, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 16-23, 30, 31 and 33-37 are pending in this application. Claims 30, 31 and 33-37 are allowed. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 16-23 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 30, 31 and 33-37 will be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Applicant notes that, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1), the present amendment only cancels claims in response to a rejection in the previous Office action.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koehler et al. (US 5,917,097). (Office action paragraph no. 2)

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 16-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding claims 30, 31 and 33-37.

The Office action of June 4, 2008, indicated in box 4 of the Office action summary that claims 30, 31 and 33-37 were allowed. Only claims 30, 31 and 33-37 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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